

**LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
Tuesday, April 14, 2015
9:00 a.m.**

Members: Council Member Turner Perrow, Chair, Council Member Joan Foster, Council Member Ceasar Johnson, Mayor Michael Gillette, ex-officio

Staff Present: Kimball Payne, Bonnie Svrcek, Gaynelle Hart, Kevin Henry, Kent White, Lee Newland, Starlette Early

Others Present: none

Contract Awards:

There was one (1) new contract awarded.

Update on Priority Projects:

Mr. Newland provided a general update on all Capital projects, noting the following changes since the last PDC meeting:

- Midtown Connector – Working on completing Langhorne paving this month to help with traffic flow
- Greenview Drive Phase 2- Notice to proceed given Feb 18; VDOT in process of doing utility locations, appraisals, and working to secure the right-of-way
- Kemper Street Bridge/Interchange- Closing Kemper Street Bridge tonight (4/14) at 7 p.m. and scheduled to reopen September 2016
- Odd Fellows Road Design/Build- notice to proceed given Feb 18; expected to start in January 2016 and completed by August 2018

There was discussion regarding status of negotiations on Midtown Connector, overview of the detour routing for Kemper Street Bridge closure, and status of hold on Lakeside Drive improvements,

General Business:

1. ***Vacate a Portion of Court Street and Vacate an Unnamed Alley*** — 320 12th Street, LLC, the owner of 314-320 12th Street, is petitioning to vacate two separate right-of-ways: 1.) a portion of right-of-way along the eastern side of Court Street that adjoins to 320 12th Street and 2.) an unnamed alley between 314 and 320 12th Street. Both of these right-of-way vacations are associated with a rezoning petition to allow for adaptive reuse of an existing building as multi-family housing units and associated parking.

Mr. Henry summarized the petition, providing details of the two areas being proposed for vacation. This petition is in conjunction with a rezoning request to allow for an existing building to be used as multi-family housing that will go before City Council in May. The area near Court Street is currently overgrown vegetation and will be cleaned up and landscaped to beautify the area surrounding the proposed multi-family housing. The alley is a “housekeeping” issue to incorporate a right-of-way that runs through the middle of 314 and 320 12th Street.

There was discussion regarding whether the area was currently one or two separate lots and the status of vacation request if rezoning is not approved. The committee agreed to move forward to Council with their recommendation for approval.

Roll Call:

There were no items for roll call.

Next meeting: May 12, 2015